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LATE ITEM
(Information as of 1700 EDT)

Dominican Republic

At this moment the situation is confused and moving quickly.

By the time this report is read, the rebel movement may have collapsed or the fighting may have moved to new levels. Representatives of two of the rebel factions have appeared at the US Embassy during the day and expressed interest in negotiations with the "loyalist" side. What terms they may have in mind is not known.

Two columns of forces opposed to the return of former President Bosch have entered the capital.

The US Embassy reported at 1530 that the evacuation of US citizens was proceeding without incident under police and military protection.

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Press reports quoting unnamed "government sources" in Saigon indicate that the government is backing away from a conference on Cambodian neutrality. Ambassador Taylor has commented that an agreement to attend would carry domestic political risks for the Quat government, which earlier had seemed amenable to it.

Meanwhile, the Indians are working up still another proposal to settle the Vietnam problem. They hope to present it formally to interested parties within the next few days. According to President Radakrishnan's son, Gopal, the plan calls for the cessation of hostilities, policing of the border by an Afro-Asian force, and maintenance of present boundaries as long as the people concerned desire it.

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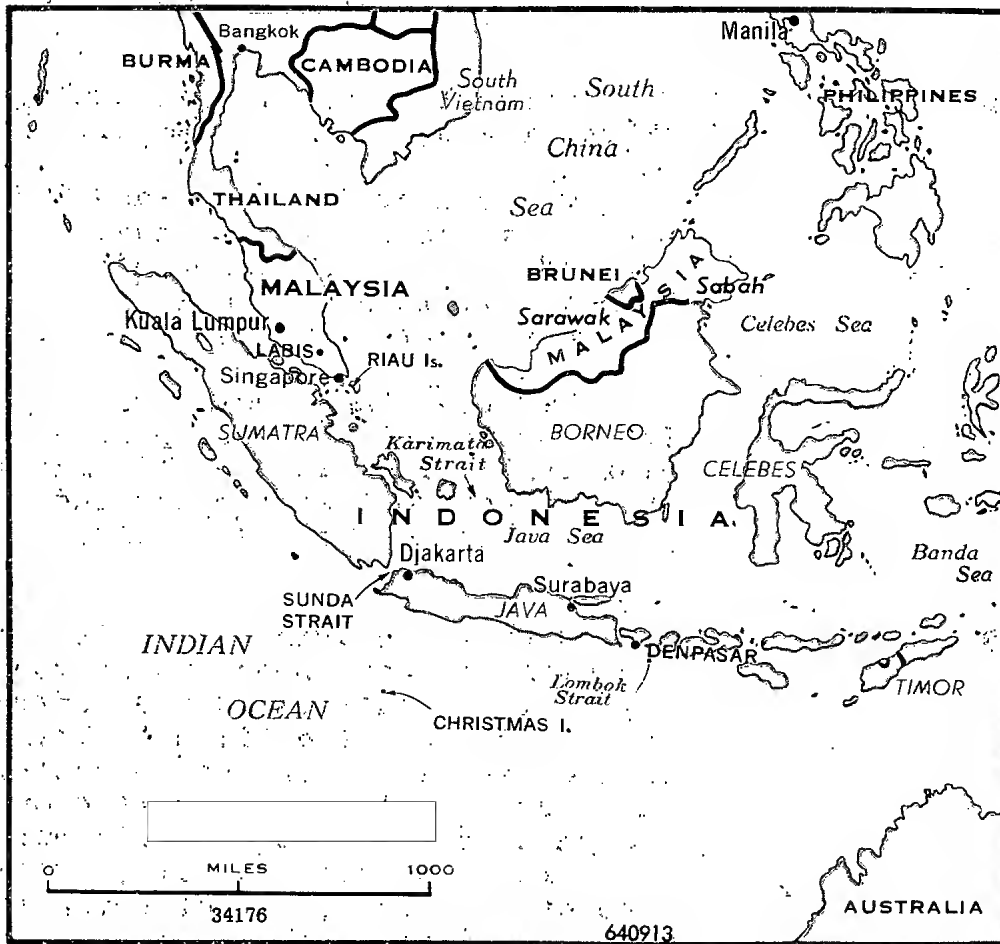
There is still no evidence that either personnel or missiles have yet arrived in North Vietnam.

2. North Vietnam

The British consul in Hanoi has been told by his translator that the regime is preparing for wholesale evacuation of the city. The neighborhood party apparatus is telling families to pack in anticipation of leaving the city at one hour's notice. This will occur, it is said, "in the event of a further hardening of US military policy."

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3. Indonesia

An Indonesian force of approximately 100 men was repulsed yesterday in an attack on a British border post in western Sarawak. This was the largest Indonesian operation since last summer, and may be followed by a general step-up in fighting along the Borneo border. (See map.)

4. Burma

General Ne Win is attempting to suppress growing Buddhist opposition to his regime.

Government forces raided Buddhist pagodas in Mandalay and Rangoon yesterday and arrested a number of monk leaders. Buddhist militants have long charged that the government is not socialist, but "communist."

Yesterday's arrests probably played into the monks' hands by providing a popular rallying cause. Ne Win may find that he has to take further and more repressive action in due course.

5. USSR

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6. India

The British are making a strong effort to calm tempers in New Delhi and Karachi. Commonwealth Secretary Bottomley is on his way from Malaysia to New Delhi to discuss the situation, and will be joined on Saturday by Gordon Walker.

Thus far, the Indians seem to be a little more receptive than the Pakistanis.

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In the Kutch area, sporadic artillery exchanges continue.

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